

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 MOSCOW 13242 222049Z

62

ACTION SY-05

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 SYE-00 SSO-00 SS-15 A-01 INR-07

INRE-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 NSCE-00 NSC-05 DHA-02 /048 W

----- 085061

O 222030Z AUG 76

FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7797

C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 13242

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC, PFOR, UR

SUBJECT: SOVIET WALK-IN AT SPASO HOUSE

1. AT 0330 HOURS LOCAL TIME SOVIET CITIZEN ENTERED SPASO HOUSE. HE WAS IN HIGHLY AGITATED STATE, SEEMED TO BE UNDER INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL, AND INFORMED AMBASSADOR'S STAFF AIDE THAT HE WAS SEEKING POLITICAL ASYLUM. ALTHOUGH IT WAS EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT THIS WAS IMPOSSIBLE, HE REFUSED TO LEAVE. HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY DUTY OFFICER AND ARMY ATTACHE AND BY ABOUT 0700 HOURS WENT TO SLEEP.

2. MEANWHILE, A DUTY OFFICER AND SUBSEQUENTLY DCM WERE CALLED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF MFA PROTOCOL SECTION, WHO SAID THAT MILITIA HAD REPORTED THAT SOVIET CITIZEN HAD ENTERED AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, THAT HE HAD STRUCK MILITIAMAN, AND THAT EMBASSY WAS REQUESTED TO TURN HIM OVER TO SOVIET AUTHORITIES. MFA WAS TOLD THAT MAN WAS INEBRIATED AND IN HIGHLY AGITATED STATE; THAT EMBASSY OFFICERS WERE ATTEMPTING TO CALM HIM AND PERSUADE HIM TO LEAVE, BUT WE CONSIDERED IMPORTANT THAT HE DO SO VOLUNTARILY.

3. WALK-IN WOKE UP FROM HIS NAP AT ABOUT 11:00 A.M. AND AFTER FURTHER INTERVIEW WITH POLITICAL OFFICER AND ARMY ATTACHE, AGREED RELUCTANLY TO LEAVE SPASO HOUSE. HE DRANK LARGE QUANTITY OF VODKA, AND WAS ESCORTED BY TWO MARINE GUARDS
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 MOSCOW 13242 222049Z

AND SECURITY OFFICER TO PARK IN FRONT OF SPASO. HE

THEN WALKED UNSTEADILY ABOUT FORTY YARDS, WHEN SURVEILLANCE CAR
PICKED HIM UP.

4. ALTHOUGH TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, HIS DEPARTURE WAS
NOT OBSERVED BY US PRESS, EMBASSY PRESS OFFICER
RECEIVED SOME QUESTIONS LATER IN DAY ABOUT REPORT THAT
SOVIET CITIZEN HAD STRUCK MILITIA MAN AND ENTERED SPAOS.
PRESS SPOKESMAN WAS AUTHORIZED TO CONFIRM THAT SOVIET
CITIZEN HAD ENTERED SPASO AT 3:30 IN MORNING AND HAD DEPARTED
VOLUNTARILY LATER IN DAY.

5. FULL DETAILS WILL BE REPORTED AUG 23.
STOESSEL

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLITICAL ASYLUM, CONSULAR LEGAL ASSISTANCE
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 22 AUG 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976MOSCOW13242
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760321-0493
From: MOSCOW
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760831/aaaabahd.tel
Line Count: 74
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION SY
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 10 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <10 MAY 2004 by ElyME>; APPROVED <11 MAY 2004 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SOVIET WALK-IN AT SPASO HOUSE
TAGS: ASEC, PFOR, UR, US, (KOPYTOV, GENNADIY VIKTOROVICH)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006